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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Under Rule 98(a)(3), no concise explanation of relevance is required for information that is in the English language. Accordingly, the enclosed art requires no further explanation.

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